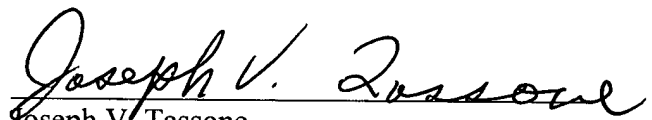


REMARKS AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This amendment is submitted for the purpose of amending the specification to include cross-reference to related applications, canceling claims 1-20, and adding new claims 21-28.

Since this application is a continuing application of its copending parent application referred to in the Specification as amended herein, wherein applicants submitted copies of prior art information in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and wherein the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office cited certain other information, such information need not be provided by applicants in this application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner in this application indicate, in the next office action, that such prior art information has been reviewed and that no separate citation of the same prior art need be submitted in this application.

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional patent application of copending application, Serial No. 09/754,674, filed January 4, 2001, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/083,294, filed May 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,203,294.

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The compositions [composition] of the present invention are either unvulcanized or vulcanized using any of the prior established vulcanizing agents such as peroxides, polyols, polyamines [polyammines], etc. The peroxide vulcanizing agent includes, for example, dicumylperoxide, 2, 5-dimethyl-2, 5-di (t-butylperoxy) hexyne-3, etc. The polyol vulcanizing agent includes, e.g., hexafluoroisopropylidene-bis (4-hydroxyphenyl) hydroquinone, isopropylidene-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl), or the like. The polyamine vulcanizing agent includes, e.g., hexamethylenediamine carbamate, alicyclic diamine carbamate, etc. The amount of vulcanizing agent employed is generally that which is customarily used in the art. Typically, about 0.5 to 10% vulcanizing agent is employed depending on the vulcanizing agent.